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Getting a Fix
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Roof Repairs Near Completion

Throughout 2020, the historic section of Adriance Memorial Library has been closed to the public so that repairs could be made to the dome that sits over the rotunda. We are happy to report that the work is almost complete and that area will soon reopen.

In late 2019, plaster began flaking and falling from the ceiling as a result of water damage. This was a recurring problem that had been addressed on several occasions but had not been fully solved. The Library District therefore consulted with architects and engineers to identify the structural issues that were causing the problem. It was found that the copper cladding around the dome had become distorted and would need to be replaced. Since the work would require scaffolding in the rotunda, that section of the library was closed to the public.

No sooner had the work begun than the pandemic struck and all construction had to cease. Eventually, the project was able to continue and the final stages of the restoration should be completed by the middle of January.

Keep in Touch!

Between social media and e-newsletters, staying up-to-date on your favorite library has never been easier! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, and enjoy our videos on YouTube.

Do you get library notices about your Holds, Renewals, or Overdue items by email? If not, go to poklib.org and click on ‘My Account’ to ‘Edit Account’. You can also customize the library news you receive via email by telling us exactly what you want at poklib.org/your-library/sign-up-mailing-list. You can get newsletters about:

- Children’s Events and Programming
- Early Childhood Events & Programming
- Family Events & Programming
- Friends of the PPLD News
- Monthly Library District Newsletter and Important Alerts
- Teen Events and Programming
- Important Alerts

Have a question? We are here for you! For questions about your account (library card, PIN, etc.) call (845) 485-3445 x3701. Something else? Ask a Librarian by calling (845) 485-3445 x3702 or use the online form at poklib.org; click on ‘Learn’ and then scroll down to open ‘Ask a Librarian’. Yes, 2020 has been a difficult and unprecedented year in many ways. The Library District has faced the challenge head on.

We closed on March 17 and suspended in-library services for a little over two months. During that time, the staff created great virtual programs for the entertainment of viewers, needed the collections, painted interior spaces, cleaned-up patron and bibliographic databases, and engaged in any and all varieties of virtual learning. We opened for curbside service in late May, for limited public hours of in-library service in early June, and in early July we resumed regular hours of service including weekend hours. Through it all, the staff have been the best group any director could ask for. Learning how to engage with the patrons and each other in safe ways and yet maintain the high bar of customer service you all deserve has been, at times, challenging but they have been doing a phenomenal job. I congratulate them on their service.

We here at the Library District wish everyone the best for the New Year. Onward!

--- Tom Lawrence
Books and More

Books and Brew Book Club
Monthly, select Wednesdays, 7 pm, Virtual
Contact Kira Thompson at (845) 485-3445 x3350 or kthompson@poklib.org with questions. Registration required. You will receive a link via email to access this virtual Zoom event.

January 20: Death on the Nile by Agatha Christie
When on long in Egypt, Hercule Poirot is called upon to solve two murder cases.

February 17: How Long ’till Black Future Month? by N.K. Jemisin
This collection of short fiction offers thought-provoking narratives on destruction, re-birth, and redemption.

March 17: A Children’s Bible by Lydia Millet
The story of teenage alienation, adult complicity, and an epic storm on a globe in trouble.

Virtual Graphic Novel Book Club
Monthly, select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual
Registration required.

January 21: Ms. Marvel, Vol 1: No Normal by G. Willow Wilson
Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City - until she’s suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. When Kamala discovers the dangers of her newfound powers, she unlocks a secret behind them as well.

February 18: March by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
March is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis’ lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, reflecting on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis’ personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement. (Read Volumes 1, 2, and 3)

March 18: Y the Last Man, Vol 3: In Search of a More Sustainable Planet by Brian K. Vaughan
Agung for a More Sustainable Planet: Hear tales of catching piranhas and snakeheads in the Amazon, “man-eating” catfish in Catalonia, lunker carp in France, tarpon in Africa, and all sorts of crazy behemoths swimming in local waterways. Spitzer will speak about the environmental concerns of both fish and humans alike, answer questions, and sign books. This event is free and open to the public and appropriate for all ages. A professor of creative writing at the University of Central Arkansas, Spitzer lives part-time in Rosendale, NY, and can sometimes be found sitting on local waterways. Spitzer will speak about his latest book In Search of Monster Fish: Angling for a More Sustainable Planet.

Explore Writing, Reading, & Poetry

Meet the Author
In Search of Monster Fish
Thursday, March 11, 7 pm, ADR
Join extreme angler and monster-fish advocate Mark Spitzer for a presentation on monsters in our midst based on his latest book In Search of Monster Fish: Angling for a More Sustainable Planet.

Pressured 2: Tijuana
Saturday, March 26, 2:30 pm, ADR
Santeha V. Patterson is the author of Pressured, a book written as a movie treatment. She’s returned to themes of action, romance, and mystery in her sequel Pressured 2: Tijuana. Years after an unexpected visit in Mexico, Black is pressured to once again fight for her life alongside her family. With more bodies dropping, knowing who to trust is a mystery. Can Black survive this adventure once again or is this the end of the pressure? Santeha Patterson is a Newburgh native.

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Post-it Challenge
Wordsmiths wanted! Here is a poetry challenge from local poet Mike Jurkovic: whatever you want to say, were going to say, or hope to say, must fit on the front of a post-it note (the original 3” by 3” size). When you have met the challenge, share your Poetry Post-its with Debora Shon at dshon@poklib.org and please include Post-it Challenge in the subject line. Deb will compile the submissions and read them at an upcoming Evening of Poetry.

Explore Your Writing
Sundays, January 3, February 7, March 7, 2 pm, ADR
No need some inspiration? Exercise your writing with prompts and group sharing. Facilitated by Billy Herman.

Write, Write, and Re-Write
Third Saturdays, January 16, February 20, March 20, 10 am, ADR
Bring copies of your work(s) in progress and receive feedback from your peers. All genres.

An Evening of Poetry
Monthly, Third Thursdays, 7 pm, ADR or Virtual
Registration required.

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AARP Tax-Aide Program
At time of publication, the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program staff was still working on COVID-appropriate protocols for offering tax preparation service for low to middle income individuals. Call 2-1-1 or 800-899-1479 for further information on this service.

Tailored Titles
The Poughkeepsie Public Library District has launched Tailored Titles, a service that provides personalized book and movie titles curated by our skilled librarians. Tailored Titles is the Library’s latest initiative to support Poughkeepsie residents during the pandemic by connecting adult readers (and movie watchers) to their next great title to read or watch.

These custom-tailored lists of book and/or movie titles are based on individual patron preferences indicated in our easy online form. Lists are emailed within seven days and contain hyperlinks to each title in our catalog to make requesting a hold easy. To make things even easier and safer, patrons can request curbside pickup!

Complete the Tailored Titles questionnaire online at: https://poklib.org/books-movies/tailored-titles/ to find your next favorite book or movie.

Recommended books and movies has always been part of library services, but Tailored Titles kicks it up a notch with a more personal touch! No library card is needed to request a custom-tailored list.
Hygge at Home

‘Hygge’ is a Scandinavian lifestyle practice that emphasizes a quality of coziness and comfort that can manifest a feeling of contentment or well-being; it is particularly helpful during the darker, colder winter months. This winter, we are encouraging ‘hygge’ at home with a special set of Adult (18+) Take and Make Programs. Supplies will be provided and links to instructional videos will be sent to registrants. Take and Make Kits are limited. Registration is required for each program.

Warm Spiced Cranberry Mocktail

Kits available beginning February 1, ADR, BRD

Learn how to gently infuse juices and spices together to make this Warm Spiced Cranberry Mocktail, a great drink to get cozy with during the colder months.

Macramé Wall Hanging

Kits available beginning February 8, ADR, BRD

Macramé involves tying knots; it can be very calming to the body, mind and spirit. Using a Reverse Lark’s Head Knot, you’ll learn how to make a unique decorative wall hanging.

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Take Note!

Select Saturdays, 2:30 pm, Virtual

Guest presenter Barry Wiesenfeld is a versatile, accomplished musician, lecturer, teacher, and author. Registration required for each program. You will receive a link via email to access each Zoom event.

January 30:
Back to Bach

We will listen to several remarkable works of J.S. Bach and learn what makes them distinctive. Included in the discussion will be the Unaccompanied Cello Suites, fugues, and Brandenburg Concertos. By the time we’re done, you’ll understand why including Bach’s complete works in the payload of the Voyager space ship would have indeed been bragging!

February 7:
Learning Ludwig

2020 marked the 250th anniversary of Ludwig Van Beethoven’s birth. This colossus took the music world that he was born into, mastered it, and then shouted, “OK, everyone, follow me!” leading the way to a new era. In this presentation about Beethoven, we’ll listen to portions of his great works as well as explore the person behind the genius. His upbringing, his love/hate of the metronome, what caused him to give greater depth to his bass lines, his frustration with his deafness, and his influence on the musical world around him.

February 27:
Jazz, an American Art

Jazz was born into, mastered and then shot by the American Deep South but eventually blanketed our nation and expanded abroad, evolving in fascinating fashion along the way. This presentation covers the history, styles, and some major contributors to jazz. We’ll talk about the components common to all eras, as well as those which are unique to a particular style. We’ll explore the similar elements found in both jazz and classical music and where the two worlds overlap, gain a deeper understanding of what makes jazz tick, and listen to many examples.

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Library Galleries
Interested in Exhibiting?
 Accomplished local painters, photographers, sculptors and ceramists, email exhibits@poklib.org.
Mary Wojtecki Rotunda Gallery, Adrian
January 5-February 14
Library Staff Art

February 17-March 18
Beth Haber: We are all Browses (Books on shelves of Hudson Valley residents past and present)

Dimensional Art, Adriance Display Cases
December 7-January 14
Donna Castelluccio: Vintage Images

January 16-February 28
Annie Serotsky Collection: Jackie Robinson: Breaking the Color Barrier in Major League Baseball

March 2-April 13
Nicole Jurain: The Jupiter Collection

Boardman Road Gallery
January 5-March 1
Linda Lynton: Seasons

March 2-May 4
Claudia Gorman: Crows Along the Hudson
Local History Discussion Group

Poughkeepsie’s Vail Photography Studio
Wednesday, January 13, 7 pm, Virtual
Join Historian Shannon Butler on a visual journey back into the late 19th century. Using the Vail photograph collection, we will take a look at some of the interesting people who called this area home over a century ago. This talk will cover the history of Vail Brothers Studios and the sorts of images they captured. Then we will explore some big names who had their photographs taken, like Eastman, Adriance, and Roosevelt, as well as some of the everyday folks with fascinating stories to tell. Registration required.

A History of the Poughkeepsie Waterfront
Friday, March 12, 3 pm, Virtual
Join Local History Librarian Kira Thompson as we explore the centuries-old history of Poughkeepsie’s waterfront area. From transportation to commerce to recreation, the waterfront’s geography and relationship to Poughkeepsie has been ever-changing, but it remains a vital part of the city. We will use maps and other materials from our collection to explore what once resided there, and what the waterfront represents for us today. Registration required.

Genealogy 101
Friday, January 8, 1 pm, Virtual
Start exploring your family tree in this introductory presentation on genealogical research. Registration required.

Genealogy Series
Monthly, select Fridays, 1 pm, Virtual
Guest presenter Sarah Gutmann is a professional genealogist and teacher. Registration required.

- January 22: Getting the most out of your Ancestry.com DNA Results
  Gain a greater understanding of how you inherit your DNA and the difference between your genetic family tree and your genealogical family tree.

- February 26: Census Records: A Snapshot Through Time of the Family
  Census records can be an invaluable tool for genealogists if you know how to analyze the data and avoid pitfalls.

- March 26: Remember the Ladies
  Learn how to uncover your maternal ancestors’ stories and where she might be hiding in the record collections.

The History of Comfort Foods
Registration required. You will receive a link via email to access this virtual Zoom event.

Hot Chocolate: From Indigenous American Rituals to Victorian Children’s Breakfasts
Wednesday, January 27, 6:30 pm, Virtual
Food historian Sarah Wassberg Johnson will demonstrate the making of macaroni and cheese from scratch with homemade Morray sauce, as well as discuss the evolution of the French “mother” sauces, how Thomas Jefferson became a macaroni booster, and how “Kraft Dinner” became an American staple.

The History of Comfort Foods
Thursday, February 11, 6:30 pm, Virtual
Food historian Sarah Wassberg Johnson will demonstrate how to make homemade hot chocolate and hot cocoa, the difference between the two, and the history of hot chocolate. Learn about its religious history and Indigenous origins, how it became a popular breakfast food, and why Victorian and Progressive Era Americans wanted kids to drink more of it.

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Strange and Curious History
Michael Keene, local author and film producer, has created a unique series of online programs based on his extensive research. Check out these recorded presentations. https://michaelkeene.com/videos/

- Madhouse: The Hidden History of Insane Asylums of 19th Century New York
  Available now

- Hart Island: America’s Largest Mass Graveyard
  Available now

- Abandoned: Story of the Orphan Trains
  Available February 1

- The Psychic Highway: The History of the Erie Canal
  Available April 1

Connecting

POV Film and Discussion Series
Monthly, select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual
Connect with neighbors as you watch and discuss a documentary from the acclaimed Point-of-View PBS series. Registration required.

- January 28: Tribal Justice
  Tribal Justice spotlights tribal courts that incorporate indigenous customs and beliefs into their justice systems. The film follows Abby Abusiann and Claudette White, chief judges in two of the more than 300 tribal courts across the country, as they navigate cross-jurisdictional issues in their courts and communities.

- February 25: Homegoings
  Combining cinema vérité with intimate interviews and archival photographs, the film paints a portrait of the dearly departed, their grieving families and a man who sends loved ones “home.”

- March 25: The Way We Get By
  The Way We Get By is a 2009 documentary film directed by Aron Gaudet and produced by Gita Pullapilly, about a group of senior citizens in Bangor, Maine who greet U.S. troops at the Bangor International Airport.

Tuesday Trivia at Home!
Select Tuesdays, 7 pm, Virtual
Join us for trivia from the comfort of your own home. Participants must have two internet-connected devices (laptop, smartphone, etc.). Registration required.

- January 12: The Office

- February 16: Parks and Recreation

- March 16: Disney

Pen Pal Program
Calling all letter writers! We’ve been invited to become ‘Pen Pals’ with patrons of the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, North Carolina! Please be committed to sending at least 3 letters over the course of a few months. Signs up between January 1 and January 15. First letter is due back to either library by Friday, February 12. Please email or call Krista Miller (kmiller@plknb.org or (845) 485-3445 x3366) to sign up and learn more details. There are a limited number of slots available.

Board Game Mondays
Mondays, 1-4 pm, BRD
Bring a friend and play board games like SCRABBLE®, Mah Jongg, even cards!

Knitting Groups
Fiber Friends Stitch & Chit Chat
Thursdays, 6:30 pm, ADR or Virtual
You will need a device with a camera and internet connection to join the group. You must register with an e-mail. Prior to the meeting, you will receive a link to join your fellow fiber crafter.

Stitch Your Heart Out
Fridays, 10 am, BRD
Pick Up Stitches
Saturdays, 10 am, BRD

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.
**Let's Get Sustainable!**

Select Tuesdays, 7 pm, BRD

Join us in this monthly series of programs where we learn to repurpose materials to make other more environmentally friendly products! Registration required.

**January 26:**
**Mason Jar Terrariums**
Chase away the winter blues with a cheery terrarium. Please bring your own mason jar (or any glass jar) from home and everything else will be provided.

**February 9:**
**Paper Straw Heart**
Turn your everyday paper straw into a cheery paper heart decoration!

**March 9:**
**Easy Produce Wash**
Make a natural produce wash out of ingredients you probably already have at home!

**January 27:**
**Chapters 1-5**
Introduction to conservation pioneers, a new approach to conservation, understanding connectivity, and the Homegrown National Park.

**February 3:**
**Chapters 6-9**
Understanding carrying capacity, non-native plants, insects, and 'weeds'.

**February 10:**
**Chapter 10-End**
Making an impact and addressing push-back.

**March 10:**
**Starting at Home - Landscape Options**
Explore individual landscaping choices for healthier plant, animal, and pollinator diversity in our own yards.

**March 24:**
**Invasive Species ID and Removal**
Learn how to identify and weed out invasive plant species.

**Book Discussion:**
**Nature's Best Hope**
January 27: Chapters 1-5

**Series: On Becoming Nature's Best Hope**
Select Wednesdays, 6 pm, BRD and Virtual

Inspired by Doug Tallamy’s book Nature’s Best Hope, this series first examines Tallamy’s research and his passionate call to action. Then it explores practical ways to apply Tallamy’s vision to our region and our private properties. Local guest experts will join the discussions as well. Participate in one event or the entire series, either in-person or via Zoom. Books will be provided for up to 14 registrants. Registration required for each program.

**February 18:**
**The Evolution of Cardiac Care at MidHudson Regional Hospital**
Updates on the convenient availability of the latest technology and equipment, increased capacity, and an expert team of cardiac physicians. Presenter is Syed Naeq, MD, FACC, Cardiologist, MidHudson Regional Hospital and Health Alliance Hospital.

**March 18:**
**Surgical Options for Pediatric Epilepsy**
For almost a third of patients with epilepsy, seizures cannot be controlled with medication alone. For these patients, surgery may be recommended to try to decrease or eliminate the child's seizures. Dr. Muhl will discuss some surgical options for children with epilepsy. Presenter is Carrie R. Muhl, MD, MS, MHS, Division Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital, Whiteheather Medical Center.

**Application Discussion**
**February 24: The Big Picture**
Imagine the Homegrown National Park concept applied to the Mid-Hudson region. Identify community spaces and partners (parks, developers, environmentalists, plant nurseries, city planners, landscapers) for potential collaboration.

**Registration required.**

**Health and Safety**

**Virtual Narcan Training**
Tuesday, Jan 12, 12-1 pm
Tuesday, Feb 9, 6-7 pm
Monday, March 8, 1-2 pm

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health offers three one-hour online training sessions (each covering same material) to explain why Narcan works to reverse an opioid overdose, what to do when an opioid overdose is suspected, and how/when to administer Narcan. While there is no age minimum for the training, only those 18 years of age and older are eligible to receive a free Narcan kit post-training. Kits will be available from Martha Farrell at Adriance Memorial Library.

Registration required.

**Greenganize!**
**Wednesday, January 13, 7 pm, BRD (Rescheduled from October 28)**
This program deals with growing interest in going green, or at least adopting a few more healthy habits like using natural methods of cleaning and organizing to help the environment.

Presented by Garrison Concierge

**Registration required.**

**Health Talks**

**Third Thursdays, 6-30 pm, Virtual, PPLD Facebook or YouTube Live**
Virtual presentations from the staff of MidHudson Regional Hospital. No registration required. After the premiere, you can find the recordings on the Library District’s YouTube channel.

**January 21:**
**Can Stroke Be Prevented?**
Stroke is a major source of death and disability and is associated with a number of risk factors that can be modified to minimize risk of its occurrence. The presentation will discuss various stroke risk factors, how stroke presents, and how it can be treated, from acute care to rehabilitation services. Presenter is Fabio Danisi, MD, Associate Director of Neurology, MidHudson Regional Hospital.

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**Walking Clubs**

Please bring water and wear sneakers or walking shoes. Light rain (if it is not too cold) or shine. Park at Parker Avenue parking lot and meet at the entrance to the Walkway. Registration required.

**From the Walkway to Morgan Lake**
Wednesday, March 3-November 17, 10-11:30 am

**Over the Hudson**
Fridays, March 5-November 19, 10-11:30 am

**Defensive Driving**
Saturday, March 27, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, BRD
Completing the course may provide a 10% discount on your auto insurance as well as the elimination of up to 4 points from your NYS license. Cost: $30/person, cash (exact change) or check (bring your own pen). No credit cards accepted. Bring your own lunch. Registration required. Pay on the day of the class. Instructor is Staci Cussick.
## Public Computer Center

See page 2 for registration details.

### Personal Assistance

**Computer Lab (Drop-in)**
- Mondays-Fridays, 11 am-1 pm, ADR
- Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, ADR
- Thursdays, 1-3 pm, BRD

Receive individualized help with basic computer skills, email accounts, job searches, job applications, formatting resumes, filing for unemployment, creating and editing Microsoft Office documents, and more.

**Teens Geeks (Drop-in)**
- Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm, ADR

Students available to answer your technology questions and help you feel more comfortable with your device.

### Technology

**Navigating the Medicare Website**
- 90 minutes, in-person class, ADR
- Wednesdays, 9:30 am, January 27, March 24

Led by staff from the Dutchess County Office for the Aged.

**Microsoft Office**

Classes are 90 minutes each and require participants to complete online lessons before attending the in-person class at ADR.

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**Ancestry.com**

Introduction to Ancestry.com
- Saturday, March 20, 1:30 pm
- Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

**Google Drive & Docs**
- Wednesday, March 31, 6:30 pm
- Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

**PC Basics**

- Tuesdays, 2015, 1:30 pm
- Prerequisite: basic computer skills

**PC Basics Workshop – Mouse & Keyboard**
- Tuesday, January 19, 2:30 pm
- Prerequisite: basic computer skills

**PC Basics Workshop – Email**
- Tuesday, January 26, 1:30 pm
- Prerequisite: basic computer skills

**Internet 101**

- Tuesday, February 2, 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 17, 1:30 pm
- Prerequisite: basic computer skills

**Internet 102**

- Tuesday, February 9, 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 24, 1:30 pm
- Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

**Online Security & Common Scams**

- Tuesday, February 16, 3:30 pm
- Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

**Exploring New Fields**

**Big Read News & Reflections**

“We had no idea what lay ahead of us when we selected Lab Girl in 2019 for the 2020 Big Read. But I am convinced that we could not have chosen a better book to focus on in the midst of a pandemic,” says Big Read coordinator Jewel Ratzlaff. “Lab Girl provided opportunities for our community to explore and appreciate scientific research, to connect with the intricate magnificence of the natural world, applaud the joy of friendship, and appreciate the power of telling one’s story.”

Although the pandemic cut into in-person event participation, community partners presented many engaging virtual and hybrid programs that brought our total attendance/participation to 2/3 of our previous year’s total. Local schools, particularly the Elementary and Middle grades, embraced this year’s books with great enthusiasm. Author Sarah Baughman made 12 virtual visits with local schools, to great acclaim. Clinton Elementary teacher Beth Kasie said, “It was an amazing visit! We had come up with questions for Sarah and she worked them into her presentation beautifully. She was such an open and warm person; the children loved her visit!!! Thank you so much for this opportunity!”

In October 2020, The National Endowment for the Arts announced their Big Read book list for the upcoming year, and to our surprise there were only six books to choose from for our grant application. We have decided to read Thi Bui’s graphic novel memoir The Best We Could Do as a community in the Fall of 2021. Thi Bui is a Vietnamese-American artist and novelist who studied sculpture at Bard College. For a college project, she decided to tell her family’s story and interviewed her parents. As she added illustrations, it became a graphic novel. Our 2021 Big Read will focus on Bui’s family story as well as the sharing of our community stories.

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Programas presenciales y virtuales en español

Los programas virtuales se realizan en Google Meet y Zoom. Para recibir el enlace de conexión debe inscribirse en eevhbate@poklib.org. Debe proporcionar nombre completo y el nombre del programa de su interés.

El medio ambiente y tú
Jueves, 6-7 pm, Virtual
Por Danielle Salisbury de Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, consejera comunitaria de energía.

7 de enero: Mantén tu hogar sano y cómodo este invierno con eficiencia energética
Informe sobre el estado de su casa, la factura de energía y su salud física. Además de otros consejos en eficiencia energética. ¿Una casa que se preocupa por la energía ayuda al planeta y la salud?

14 de enero: Plásticos de un solo uso
¿Alguna vez ha pensado la cantidad de plástico que usamos y cómo afecta al medio ambiente? Michelle Gluck y Danielle Salisbury hablan sobre los plásticos de un solo uso, cómo dañan el medio ambiente, cómo afectan, y cómo podemos reducir su consumo.

21 de enero: Energía Solar
Conoce acerca de los paneles solares instalados en techos y en tierra, granjas de energía solar, energía solar comunitaria y los programas del estado para obtenerla.

Asistencia Tecnológica Individual
Martes y jueves, 9-10:30 am, 11 de enero al 18 de mar, ADR
Recibe ayuda individual en computación básica, correo electrónico, llenado de formularios, llenado de formas en línea para desempleo, creación y edición de documentos en Word y Excel y asistencia con el manejo del celular.

Club de lectura electrónica y audible
Martes, 6-8 pm, 5 de enero, 2 de feb y 2 de marzo, Virtual
Leemos un libro electrónico o escuchamos un audio libro de escritores latinoamericanos y nos reunimos virtualmente para discutir ideas y puntos de vista acerca del libro.

Club Cine Foro en español
Lunes, 6-8 pm, 11 y 25 enero, 8 y 22 feb y 8 marzo, Virtual
Vive la experiencia de una película, seleccionada por el grupo, y comparte tus reflexiones acerca de esta.

Encuentro de mujeres: conversando sobre el género
Martes, 6-8 pm, Virtual
Informe sobre temas actuales que involucran al género. Los temas serán desarrollados por varios expertos en la materia.

19 de enero: Barreras socio educativas y Fronteras - Romy Rodríguez
16 de febrero: La violencia al género – Noerni Sánchez
9 de marzo: Orientación Sexual – Ma. Eugenia Espriu
16 de marzo: Madres jóvenes – Ma. Eugenia Espriu
23 de marzo: Llegamos a los 40 – Ma. Eugenia Espriu

Mujer, resalta tu belleza desde tu esencia
Jueves, 25 de marzo, 6-7:30 pm, Virtual
Yolanda González, consultora especialista en belleza, nos introduce a los diferentes conceptos de belleza femenina a través de la historia hasta llegar al autoconcepto de la mujer misma.

Resiliencia en diferentes situaciones de la vida
Jueves, 6-7:30 pm, Virtual
¿Qué tanta capacidad tenemos para superar circunstancias traumáticas? Conversatorio en el que se tocarán cuatro temas diferentes donde la resiliencia se ve presente en las experiencias de las expositores.

4 de febrero: Introducción y aspectos generales de la resiliencia - Ma. Eugenia Espriu
18 de febrero: Resiliencia en la pérdida de un ser querido - África Delgado
4 de marzo: Resiliencia en mujeres inmigrantes - Elva Margarita Corbatón
18 de marzo: 7 sugerencias para aumentar la resiliencia - África Delgado

Hablemos de comida y tradiciones
Miércoles, 27 enero, 10 y 24 feb y 10 marzo, 10-11:30 am, Virtual
Hablemos de comida que nos gusta y compartamos recetas, tradiciones, secretos y consejos de cocina propios y heredados. En cada reunión los participantes aportan una receta de su país de origen.

Tertulias Literarias y más...
Sábado, 16 enero, 13 feb, 13 marzo, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, ADR
Pasa una mañana compartiendo, comentando, discutiendo y opinando sobre temas de actualidad o interés del ámbito literario, artístico, cultural y político.

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The Artist’s Perspective

Library patrons often express their appreciation of the unique local artwork displayed at both Adriance Memorial Library and Boardman Road Branch Library. And now, a few of our exhibiting artists have shared their perspectives on exhibiting at the library.

Anita Fina Kiewra (Boardman Road, Summer of 2020)
“it was a pleasure having the show and being the “crash-test-dummy” for the first ever dual – live and virtual – artist talk. I found the technical staff helpful and flexible in supporting the presentation, and was appreciative of the staff on site helping with the details of a socially distant talk as we were adjusting to cautiously re-entering the world of in-person events. I loved having my work shown in the bright and colorful environment of the library, and even sold several pieces from the show! Ruth Wally is a dear to work with and mindful of the details. I’m grateful for the opportunity to work with you all!”

Harris Diamant (Adriance Memorial Library Display Cases, August of 2020)
“I appreciated the opportunity to show my art in this magnificent marble temple. The staff was exceptionally helpful and set up was fast and easy. I highly recommend this venue.”
Teen programs are at Adriance or virtual

**Take & Make**
Crafting kits available! Limited supply, registration required. Pick up materials at Adriance Memorial Library any time on select Wednesdays. Please pick up your craft bag within two weeks. When you finish your project, email a photo to teencafe@poklib.org. We will post it on our teen cafe blog!

**January 13:** Mask Decorating
Release your hidden talent! Get fabric markers and a white mask to decorate.

**January 20:** Pom Pom Pencil Holder
Create a unique pencil holder for your desk.

**January 27:** Snowflake Tote Bag
Stencil some snowflakes on a canvas tote bag on a winter’s day.

**February 3:** Needlepoint Kitty
Need a fun, easy project to chase away those winter blues?

**February 10:** Snowman Candle Holder
Create your own candle holder with a jolly snowman face.

**February 17:** Leather Key Ring
Make yourself, a friend, or parent a useful way to keep track of important keys.

**February 24:** Paracord Bracelets
Paracord bracelets are not only attractive, they can help you out in many emergency situations.

**March 3:** God’s Eye
You get lots of popsicle sticks, yarn and instructions to make some beautiful wall hangings.

**March 10:** Surprise Bag
Take your chances! We will surprise you with a fun activity of our choice.

**April 7:** Watercolor Poppies
Paint flowers to brighten up your room. Canvas and paints will be supplied.

**Teen Volunteer Opportunities**

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**Teen Room Volunteer**
Monday-Thursday 3-5 pm, ADR
Teens, ages 13-18, wanted to help us with book displays, craft activities, and keeping our collection organized.

**Teen Bloggers Wanted!**
Earn up to 3 hours of Community Service credit for your own reviews, writings, and videos! Use our guidelines to create content for the Teen Cafe Blog on the PFLD website and then send your blog post to teencafe@poklib.org for review. Write a book review, create a funny video, share a skill, write a story, or let your imagination run wild? Questions? Email teencafe@poklib.org.

**Special Event**

**Family Drum Circle**
Wed, Jan 27, 4 pm, ADR
Discover the many health benefits of drumming. Bring your own percussion instrument or use one of ours. For all ages.

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**Teen Scene**

**January 12: 3-D Printing**
You design it, we’ll print it.

**February 2:** VR experience
Enter the exciting world of virtual reality and try different video games using our VR headsets.

**February 5:** Dip into Chocolate for Valentine’s Day
Dip all sorts of good things into melted chocolate. Take them home to share.

**February 9:** Landscape Paint & Sip
Paint a landscape to brighten up your room. Canvas and paints will be supplied.

**February 19:** Stenciling 101
Create a unique candle holder with a jolly snowman face.

**February 23:** Pom Pom Pencil Holder
Create a unique pencil holder for your desk.

**March 2:** Snowflake Tote Bag
Stencil some snowflakes on a canvas tote bag on a winter’s day.

**March 26:** Virtual Teen Trivia
Online trivia. Download the Kahoot! app to play.

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**Early Childhood (Birth-Preschool)**

**Tuesday Teen Project**
3:30 pm, ADR or Virtual

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**Early Childhood**

The Library District supports early literacy through high-quality programs and resources. We’ll help you find the answers you need as you raise the next generation of citizens. For these programs, children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. For the Winter 2021 session, registration will be required. See page 2 for details.

**Programs at Adriance**

**Free parking and easy access available from the Noxon Street Parking Lot (GPS Locator: 22 Noxon Street). Story times are weekly series.**

**Songs and Stories:**

**Bilingual Storytime**

- **Mondays, January 4-March 15, 10-10:30 am**
- **Books, flannel board stories, and music enhanced with Spanish vocabulary for ages 2-5.**

**Canciones y Cuentos**

- **Lunes, 4 de Enero al 15 de Marzo, 10-10:30 am**
- **Libros, historias sobre el fierro y el tablero de música con la introducción de vocabulario en español para niños de 2 a 5 años.**

**Toddler Time**

- **Tuesdays, January 5-March 16, 10-10:20 am**
- **A story time for two-year-olds with books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music.**

**Romp & Read**

- **Wednesdays, January 6-March 17, 10-10:30 am**
- **This story time for infants, older babies, and their caregivers features songs, rhymes, bounces, and books, and highlights early literacy development for little ones. For ages birth-24 months.**

**PLC Goes Virtual**

- **Registrants will be notified when to pick up supplies at the library to participate virtually. For PreK.**

**Dinosaurs!**

- **Thursday, March 4, 4-4:50 pm**
- **Join us for stories, songs and flannel following by a fun dinosaur craft!**

**Donuts!**

- **Tuesday, March 9, 4-4:50 pm**
- **Join us for donut-themed stories, flannel board and crafts!**

**Boys & Girls Club**

- **Boys & Girls Club - Teen Room Volunteer**
  - **Monday-Thursday 3-5 pm, ADR**
  - **Teen Room Volunteer must be certified in the NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training.**

**Story times are weekly series.**

**Preschool Story Time**

**Mondays, January 4-March 15, 10-10:30 am**

- **Stories, songs, action rhymes, and a small craft for 3-5 year olds. Parents and siblings welcome.**

**Baby Rhyme & Play Time**

**Tuesdays, January 5-March 16, 10-10:30 am**

- **Features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For birth to 18 months.**

**Walk & Wiggle**

**Wednesdays, January 6-March 17, 10-10:30 am**

- **This language enrichment program serves as a transitional story time for walkers as they prepare for toddler story times. The program features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For ages 18-24 months.**

**Toddler Time**

**Thursdays, January 7-March 18, 10-10:30 am**

- **A story time for two-year-olds featuring books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music.**

**PLC - Preschool Learning Center Story Time**

**Fridays, January 8-March 19, 10-10:30 am**

- **Books, flannel board stories, and music for children ages 3-5 followed by guided play.**

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**Teen Room Hours:**
Monday-Thursday: 2-8 pm, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 2-5 pm

**Teen programs for ages 12-18 require registration unless otherwise noted. To register, go to poklib.org/programs or call (845) 485-3445 x3320.**

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Adriance Children

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Among Us in Real Life
Thursday, January 14, 5:30-7 pm
We’ll play the popular video game Among Us, but you’ll be the characters in the game and the children’s floor will be the spaceship. Will you be a crewmate or are you the impostor? Who’s sus? Grades 3-6.

DIY Rotating Block Puzzle
Thursday, January 21, 4-4:45 pm
Grades 4-7.

Family Drum Circle
Wednesday, January 27, 4-4:45 pm
Join this noisy, fun, family-friendly event and discover the many health benefits of drumming. Bring your own percussion instrument or use one of ours. All ages.

Kamishibai Stories
Tuesday, February 2, 4-4:45 pm
Come learn about Kamishibai, a Japanese form of storytelling, then listen to a few Kamishibai stories. Grades PreK-3.

The Pen Pal Fairy Exchange
Tuesday, February 9, 4-4:45 pm
Do you believe in fairies? You should, because…there are fairies hiding right here at the library! Hunt for hidden fairy doors and become part of an ongoing pen pal exchange with the fairies making special deliveries to your pen pal! Enjoy making a fairy craft and have a light snack too. For grades K-6.

Valentine’s Day Hot Chocolate Bombs
Thursday, February 11, 5:30-6:30 pm
Give the gift of hot chocolate. We’ll make hot chocolate bombs that you can give as a gift or keep for yourself. Grades 3-6.

Virtual and Make at Home Programs
Registration required. Participants will be notified of ingredients needed, or how to pick up supplies at the library, in order to participate virtually.

Color Me Calm for Tweens
Thursday, February 18, 4-4:45 pm
Join the new coloring craze to exercise fine motor skills, train the brain to focus, and relieve stress! Grades 4-7.

DIY No-Sew Duct Tape Bag
Tuesday, February 23, 4-4:45 pm
The only thing better than a book? A tote full of them! Come make a super cute tote bag for all your library books! Grades 1-5.

Dr. Seuss’ Life-Size Trivia Birthday Bash!
Tuesday, March 2, 4-5:30 pm
Brush up on your favorite Dr. Seuss stories as trivia and dares abound! Become a Seuss-themed teammate in a life-size board game dedicated to all things Seuss! End with some birthday cake as we celebrate 117 years of Dr. Seuss’ Life-Size Trivia Birthday Bash! Grades K-3.

Tweens DIY Necklace and Keychain Pendants
Wednesday, February 10, 4-4:45 pm
Join us as we create necklace and keychain pendants using magazine cutouts or your own designs! Magazines will be provided with the materials, but feel free to find your own images at home from other magazines, brochures, or bring paper and colored pencils to draw them yourself (images should be 1x1 inches). Grades 4-7.

Take and Make Craft-A-Palooza
Thursday, March 11, 4-4:45 pm
Pickup at ADR and BRD. Enjoy a mystery craft! All ages.

Let the Cold Winds Blow!
On Saturday, December 5, the Poughkeepsie Public Library District teamed up with the national organization Operation Warm to distribute over 140 winter coats and almost 200 children's books to our Poughkeepsie families. A special thanks to Michael McCabe and everyone from IATSE Local 311 for organizing the event and volunteering their time to help pass out the coats.

Boardman Road Children

These programs require registration unless otherwise noted. Register at poklib.org/Events or (845) 485-3445 x3320. Please check age appropriateness before you register.

Pine Cone Penguins
Thursday, January 21, 4-4:45 pm
Make an adorable penguin to take home. Grades K-5.

Paper Bag Stars
Monday, January 25, 4-4:45 pm
Make an amazing paper star decoration from lunch bags! Grades 1-6.

How to Train Your Dragon: Toothless Craft
Monday, February 22, 4-4:45 pm
Make Toothless the dragon and hear about the book How to Train Your Dragon. Grades K-5.

Ant Valentine Ornament
Thursday, February 11, 4-4:45 pm
Learn how to do paper quilling and make an ornament for Valentine’s Day. Grades 1-6.

I Spy with My Little Eye…
Drop in anytime during January and February to play I Spy with our bulletin board activity inspired by the I Spy books by photographer Walter Wick.

Librarians save lives: by handing the right book, at the right time, to a kid in need.
— Judy Blume

Let the Cold Winds Blow!
Mystery Mondays:
Mysteries in the Northeast

Mondays, 11 am, BRD or Virtual
Registration required.

January 25: *A Fountain Filled with Blood* by Julia Spencer-Fleming
Set in the Adirondack village of Millers Kill, an Episcopalian priest investigates a series of homophobic attacks and then a shocking murder.

February 22: *Tag Man* by Archer Mayor
Joe Gunther and his elite Vermont Bureau of Investigation are tracking a rash of mysterious home break-ins. The criminal eventually stumbles into some troubling information and finds himself being chased by a hit squad.

March 29: *Vineyard Chill* by Philip Craig
Retired cop J.W. Jackson and his family are relaxing on Martha’s Vineyard when their peace is disturbed by two L.A. thugs and the discovery of a dead body.

Believe It Or Not

The Friends Book Store turned FIVE on October 25, 2020! A milestone to celebrate, but COVID intervened. Although we reopened the Book Store on July 2 (after being closed since March 16), we needed to adhere to safety guidelines. We’ve been doing that successfully.

In this COVID-shortened year, book store numbers keep climbing! As of October 30, 68,000 books were sold to over 7,000 customers for a total of $60,900.

Internet sales from our Abebooks shop (http://bit.ly/Friends_PPLD_AbeBooks) keep expanding geographically with customers in 42 states and 15 countries. An Australian book lover paid $600 for our most expensive book and Internet sales topped $6,440!

Special in-store sales continue. Look for the SALE signs on tables and select shelves or ask our cashiers, “What’s on sale?”

Book donations have been almost overwhelming. During the COVID shutdown, many folks downsized their collections, and we reaped the benefit!

Our 80 dedicated volunteers worked countless hours to process donations. Volunteers are key to our success, and we always welcome new volunteers. To join us, access our website, poklib.org/volunteers/ or you can also stop by the store for an application or email us at book_store@poklib.org.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Friends who have worked so hard to make the book store successful and to the community for your steadfast and generous support.